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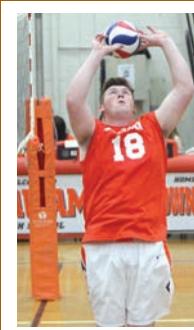
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Fallen soldiers honored on Memorial Day

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The town of Agawam celebrated Memorial Day on Monday with a parade and short remembrance ceremony on the Veterans Green next to Phelps Elementary School.

In a touching moment, this year's parade marshal, Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Brett Graveline, an Agawam native, tried to take the spotlight off himself and focus it on the real meaning of the day.

"Today is not about me," said Graveline, a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School. "It is about those who have lost their lives fighting for our country."

Graveline is a veteran of two tours of duty in Iraq during the War on Terror. In 2009, Graveline was injured during a helicopter crash. He was at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center for about four years and had 10 surgeries. He has a brace on his left leg and his neck has been fused several times. Despite his numerous injuries, he held true to the fact that Memorial Day was not about him.

Agawam Veterans Agent Richard Gerard said Graveline's service and his road to getting out of the hospital and returning home to Agawam was an important story to share.

"We thought it was a great idea to have him here today and honor him with being the parade marshal," said Gerard.

Graveline said he appreciated the standing ovation he received from his hometown, and he was happy to get to speak to Agawam residents.

"This means so much to me," said Graveline, who went on to thank his parents for their support during his recovery. "You guys loved me every step. Even when things were difficult, you loved me more."

Gerard spoke fondly about being proud of a woman he met recently who was an immigrant from Poland. He recalled she volunteered to help at the Holyoke Soldiers Home recently.

"She has a wonderful life here," said Gerard, "and she realized that her life is great because of people who fought and made the ultimate sacrifice."

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Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Brett Graveline, a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, addresses the crowd at Monday's remembrance ceremony on Veterans Green.

Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

First-ever Band-A-Thon fundraiser a noted success

By Kate Anderson
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School band program staged its first Band-A-Thon fundraiser at the Polish American Club last Saturday, May 24, and it was a noted success. Jodi Albertson, an AHS alum and current band parent, says that performance-based fundraisers like the Band-A-Thon are the future; gone are the days of selling candy bars to raise funds for the arts.

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The Marching Mohawks brass and drum line.

Planned repairs of I-91 viaduct move forward

By Christopher Faille
Turley Publications
Correspondent

SPRINGFIELD – At a meeting in the theater of the Basketball Hall of Fame on May 20, dozens of people heard officials from the state's Department of Transportation (MassDOT) lay out existing plans for repair of the I-91 viaduct from State Street to the I-291 interchange.

Plans involve the painting of all structural steel, replacement

of bridge bearings, improvement of drainage and lighting, miscellaneous structural steel repairs, and various other improvements in the vicinity of the viaduct. Several city residents spoke during a question-and-answer period after the presentation.

MassDOT project manager Michael O'Dowd said early on that the DOT is confident that the viaduct is not "unsafe." The department wouldn't allow the road to remain open if they believed it unsafe. Nonetheless, it is "unreliable," with the frequency of repairs and thus of obstruction and traffic delays rising and bound to



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Humason seeking first full term in state senate

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

REGION – State Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield, has announced he will seek election to a full two-year term to the Massachusetts State Senate after winning a special election last year to fill the seat previously occupied by Michael Knapik.

"It was an easy decision for me to decide to run again because I ran with the intention to run again this year," said Humason.

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CAPE COD CHALLENGE CUP 2014



The Agawam Predators, one of two U9 teams representing Agawam in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League (PVJSL), participated in the 18th annual Cape Cod Challenge Cup Memorial Day Weekend Soccer Tournament in West Barnstable. Pictured (back row, l-r) is Dimitri Heinze, Antoine Poulin, Patrick Dahm, Dylan Fisk, Nicholas Uschmann and Trevor Machia and (front row) Carter Clark, Gianni Liquori, Mel Ahmeti and Sean Murphy. The players are flanked by assistant coaches Brooke Clark, left, and Jeff Heinze.

AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB INSTALLS 2014-15 OFFICERS



The Agawam Lioness Club met at the Casa Di Lisa restaurant on May 5 for their year-end banquet and to install officers for the coming year. Pictured (back row, l-r) are Rose Keiffer, president; Sandy Haskins, first vice president; Teri Angotti, second vice president; Bonnie Koscany, board of directors; and Bonnie Waters, hair puller; and (front row, l-r) Adrienne LaBarre, secretary; Pat Lalancette, treasurer; and Fran Serra, board of directors. Not pictured is Beverly Tetreault, board of directors. Anyone looking for information regarding the Lioness Club can contact Rose Keiffer at 413-786-5134 or any member of the Agawam Lioness Club.

AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS



The Agawam Lioness Club held their annual banquet at Case DeLisa Restaurant on May 5 and presented three Agawam High School seniors with a scholarship of \$1,000 each. Pictured are scholarship recipients Alena Radionova, Mikayla Miranda and Rachel Burton.

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The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at jwroblewski@turley.com.



This bovine is "udderly" adorable. Tell us, do you know where it's located?

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City Council meeting agenda

Robert G. Doering School
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Monday, June 2
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1. Roll Call
2. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizen's Speak Time
4. Minutes: Regular Council Meeting – May 19, 2014
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Resolutions, Memorials and Remonstrances
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
9. Public Hearings
1. PH-2014-2 (TOR-2014-4)- An Ordinance amending the Zoning Code of the Town of Agawam creating the Mixed Use Business C District (Planning Board) (Referred to Legislative Committee) (2 of 2 readings)
2. PH-2014-3 (TR-2014-20)- A Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2015-2019

Capital Improvement Program (Referred to Finance Committee) (Tabled 5/19/14) (Mayor)

3. PH-2014-4 (TR-2014-24)- A Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Operating Budget for the Town of Agawam (Public Hearing Date set for June 23, 2014) (Mayor)

10. Old Business

1. TOR-2014-3- An Ordinance to Amend the Chapter 114 of the Agawam Town Code entitled "Junk and Second-hand Dealers" (Mayor) (Referred to Legislative Committee) (Tabled 5/19/14) (1 of 2 readings)

2. TO-2014-12- Transfer \$30,000.00 from Overtime (#12201-51030) to Fire Protection and Safety (#12203-52410) for the purchase of portable radios (Mayor)

11. New Business: Unavailable at press time.

12. Any other matter that may legally come before the City Council.

Adjournment

EAGLE SCOUT HONORED



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Agawam's newest Eagle Scout, Matthew Christian, a member of Troop 185 in Agawam, was congratulated recently by (from left) state Sen. Don Humason, Mayor Richard A. Cohen and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga. Christian was presented with official citations on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Agawam.



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

Students at the Roberta G. Doering School play wheelchair soccer in physical education class last week as part of a unit on playing sports with disabilities.

Challenge takes to the wheels

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – People with physical disabilities can do many of the same things everyone else can – just modified.

That was the message being sent by Center of Human Development Program Director Nancy Bazanchuk to students at the Roberta G. Doering School following a week of wheelchair sports classes in physical education. Bazanchuk has been visiting Doering School for the past 16 years. She brings with her a set of 10 wheelchairs with slanted wheels that are specialized for playing sports.

Bazanchuk was born with birth defects and confined to a wheelchair following the amputation of her legs. She now spends her time working with the Center of Human Development and visits schools to teach children about people with disabilities, as well as encourage those with disabilities to integrate themselves socially with the mainstream population.

Physical Education Teacher Debbie Lickley has been arranging for Bazanchuk to visit Doering for an entire week each year because the wheelchair sports are fully written into the curriculum. The same is not true in many other schools. Bazanchuk is a native of Agawam and went through the Agawam public schools and is happy to come back to educate local students.

"This is one of our favorite units to teach the children here," said Lickley. "Nancy puts in an entire week at our school, and she is tireless in the time she spends here with the kids. It's a very long week."

Lickley believes it is important for her students to realize what people with physical limitations are able to do.

"It exposes them first-hand to what Nancy can do and shows the different tools people in wheelchairs can use to play sports," said Lickley.

Bazanchuk spent part of each physical education class teaching the students about the different equipment used. She showed them an ice scooter and modified hockey sticks used by students to play hockey and enjoy their time on the ice.

She then explained the wheelchairs, which have slanted wheels to allow for more stability while they are in action. Bazanchuk said the chairs are very expensive and were donated so she could use them in schools.

The classes then got the opportunity to play a modified version of indoor soccer, using the wheelchairs to move the ball around. Goalies were not able to stand and players in the chairs could only hold the ball for three seconds. Students embraced the modified game and enjoyed themselves, Lickley said. "It's definitely a great experience for them," said Lickley.

Bazanchuk also spent some time answering questions for the students, including teaching them about how she drives and gets around herself without the use of her legs. She also taught them how she dresses and does other daily household activities.

The future of the weeklong program is up in the air, Bazanchuk said. Lickley has been instrumental in taking the initiative to arrange for her appearance at Doering. Lickley will be retiring at the end of the school year.

"I am hoping whoever takes over will still want to continue doing the program next year," said Bazanchuk.

JR. WOMEN HOST AAN CORRESPONDENT



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Mike Lydick, center, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Agawam Junior Women's Club and spoke about his career as a freelance journalist. From left, Christina Beauchemin, AJWC vice president in charge of membership, Lydick, and Janine Iacolo, Ways and Means chairperson.

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Opinion

A day of remembrance, gratitude

Editor's Note: In the aftermath of our area's Memorial Day observances and parades that were sparely attended by the public, we thought a primer on the extreme importance of this national holiday was in order.

The origins of Memorial Day have never been determined. In 1966 President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo N.Y as Memorial Day's official birthplace, but more likely it sprang up in thousands of cities, towns and villages across the nation when families buried their dead brought home from the saddest war of all, our Civil War.

Even before the end of that conflict, southern women were decorating graves of confederate dead, and in 1867 a woman named Nella Sweet wrote a hymn about them, "Kneel Where Our Loves Are Sleeping."

The first Memorial Day (known then as Decoration Day) was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and officially observed on May 30 when flowers were placed on the graves of both union and confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

Since then, there have been many wars, but those who fought in them answered the nation's call, gave the last full measure of devotion, and deserve our gratitude.

There were the Indian wars during our westward expansion, the Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, the Korean War (often called the forgotten war, but a hellhole if there ever was one) and the night-mare of Vietnam.

More recently we've had our first invasion of Iraq and the second.

Someday we may achieve the distant dream of a world at peace, but until then our (mostly) young men and women will answer our call and some will come home in flag draped coffins.

The least we can do is turn out to remember them on a (hopefully) bright spring day and express our appreciation and gratitude. We may hate war, the killing and wanton destruction, but we've never been able to avoid it or end it, although that dream persists.

Perhaps it is only with the end of history that there will be peace—as implied in a favorite poem of ours, "Dark Hills," by Edwin Arlington Robinson:

Dark hills at evening in the west Where sunset hovers like a sound

Of golden horns that sang to rest Old bones of warriors underground— Far now from all the bannered ways Where flash the legions of the sun, You fade, as if the last of days

Were fading, and all wars were done.

But one must hope that sanity may one day over-take humankind, allowing us to do what we must to survive: nurture this little planet of ours instead of fighting over it.

In the meantime though, we owe the peace and freedom of our little corner of the world to those who have gone before us, fought for us and given their lives.

Praise them.

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Letters to the Editor

CROP Walk a success

To the editor:

The Agawam/West Springfield CROP Hunger Walk was held on April 27. The 5-mile walk, hosted by Agawam Congregational Church, raised nearly \$8,000 to "End Hunger One Step at a Time." Seventy-five percent of funds raised go to Church World Service and 25 percent goes to the local Parish Cupboard. Walking teams included Agawam and Feeding Hills congregational churches, Boy Scout Troop 82, First Baptist Church West Springfield, First Congregational UCC West Springfield, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Grace Lutheran Church, Mittineague UCC and West Springfield United Methodist Church. The top fundraising groups were Agawam Congregational Church (\$2,055) and Mittineague UCC (\$1,449).

The CROP Planning Committee would like to thank Agawam Congregational Church for hosting the Registration Rally; the Agawam Lion's Club for providing lunch for the walkers; Kevin Bell from Okey-Dokey DJ Services; and the Agawam Police Department for providing safe crossings. We look forward to the 2015 CROP Hunger Walk next spring in West Springfield.

Agawam/West Springfield
CROP Planning Committee

Community support appreciated

To the editor:

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club would, once again, like to thank the community for its support for the club's annual Runway for Education Fashion Show.

With everyone's contributions, the Agawam Juniors raised over \$4,000, allowing for the distribution of several \$500 scholarships to Agawam residents going on to college next year, as well as continuation of other educational programs such as the Spelling Bee, Bingo for Books and the Safety Bug program.

The generosity of this community shows its commitment to the education of our young people, and the AJWC truly appreciates everyone's efforts.

Kathy Mouneimneh
Fashion show co-chair

School nurses contracted through Health Dept.

To the editor:

The following statement is made in response to recent news video of the Agawam School Committee meeting held on Tuesday, May 13, and in response to local news reports and several letters written to the School Committee. Although we have the utmost respect for our school nurses, as vice chairman of the Agawam School Committee, I would like it known that the nurses are contracted through the Town of Agawam Health Department not the School Department. We do not negotiate with the nurses association nor do we have any decision-making power over their individual contracts.

Diane Juzba
Vice Chair, Agawam School Committee

Miracles do happen

To the editor:

A while back our family pet was lost. We searched high and low. The man who picks up "road kill" saw the flier and assured me he "scraped him up in pieces," so I couldn't pick him up for proper burial. We were all devastated until three weeks later. Our beloved Siamese "Pauli," named after my late husband, was found alive! Tears of joy streamed with hearty thanks to the family who found him.

Sadly, once again he got out May 15. We have put hundreds of fliers out. "Pauli" is a friendly seal point Siamese, dark face with blue eyes, a very loud voice, and a notch out of his ear. He has been spotted on Mill Street to Sacred Heart Church. Please help bring "Pauli" home. We do believe in miracles. Thank you so very much.

Sue Meunier
Feeding Hills

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Seniors

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, June 2: Chapter 2 Mohegan Sun Trip; Ear Masters in for free Hearing Test; 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 10 a.m., Fall Ins. Agent Available; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, June 3: S.H.I.N.E. Representative Available (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting, Sewing, Shuffleboard (meet at St. John's courts); 10 a.m., PACE; 11:30 a.m., Monthly Birthday Celebration; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("Bells Are Ringing"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, June 4: Friends and Rotary Golf Tournament; 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting; 6 p.m., Western

Mass. Genealogy Potluck (No Zumba).

Thursday, June 5: 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, June 6: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art Class; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Lunch menu

Monday, June 2: Marinated romaine salad topped with grilled chicken, tomatoes, carrots and cucumbers, breadsticks, apples.

Tuesday, June 3: Homemade stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, corn, birthday cake.

Wednesday, June 4: Roast pork, roasted potatoes and carrots, pudding.

Thursday, June 5: Sausages with peppers and onions, pasta with extra sauce, peaches.

Friday, June 6: Cream of broccoli soup, vegetable, pizza, three-bean salad, mixed fruit.

Agawam Golden Agers slate trip to Saratoga Race Track

AGAWAM – The Agawam Golden Agers, Chapter Two, is hosting a trip to Saratoga (N.Y.) Race Track on Thursday, July 24. Come see where the champion Man O' War lost his only race. Debuting in 1863, it is the oldest race track in America.

The cost is \$84 per person and includes admission and grandstand seating, deluxe mo-

tor coach, dinner stop at Grandma's Country Kitchen Restaurant en route home and all gratuities. We will depart from Sacred Heart Church at 9 a.m. and return at 9 p.m. This trip is open to the public, and all are welcome to join us.

For more information or reservations, please contact Art Usher at 413-786-3567.

Friends to host Mohegan Sun trip

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will host a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino, Monday, June 16. The bus will leave St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam at 8:30 a.m. and will return at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and includes \$35 in food and wheel vouchers. The trip is open to the public. For more information, call Helen Elkas at (413) 786-8685.

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Families

K of C to host Father's Day Brunch

The Agawam Knights of Columbus will host a Father's Day Sunday Brunch June 8 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

The menu will include scrambled eggs,

home fries, ham, orange juice, and coffee. Cost is \$7 per person and free for children 10 and under.

For more information, contact Francis Mazzie at (413) 786-6713 or Mike Messier at (413) 363-0347.

Kosior graduates from basic training

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Michael Kosior graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare

principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Kosior earned distinction as an honor graduate.

A 2011 graduate of Agawam High School, he is the son of Anna and Mariusz Kosior, of Feeding Hills.

Strawberry supper open to the public

Community Grange 382 of Feeding Hills will hold its 35th annual Strawberry Supper Wednesday, June 18, at the Grange Hall located at 47 North West St. in Feeding Hills. Continuous servings will be offered from 4-7 p.m.

The menu will include ham, turkey, homemade potato salad and coleslaw, baked

beans, rolls, pickles, strawberry shortcake with whipped cream and a choice of beverages.

Donation is \$10 for adults and \$4.75 for children under 12.

Reservations are suggested and may be made by calling Pauline at 789-2061. The public is invited to attend.

Arts

Red Door brings 'Seussical' to the stage

FEEDING HILLS – “Seussical the Musical” comes to the Red Door Theatre Friday and Saturday, May 30, and May 31 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, May 31 and June 1 at 2 p.m. The popular Broadway show with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, is based on the works of Dr. Seuss.

The two Tony winners have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, Lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination – Jojo.

Presented through special arrangement with Music International, this full-length, 2-hour production is directed by Lyle Pearson with choreography by Marilene Allen and Stephanie Hoag under the musical direction

of Ashley and David Duplessis. The 38-member cast is comprised of area talent of all ages and features Ben Rodriguez as Horton the Elephant; Adam Sherlin as JoJo; Caleb Curd as the Cat in the Hat; Marilene Allen as Mayzie; Margie Secora and Maryam Yamin as Sour Kangaroo and Young Kangaroo respectively; Kyle Theriault as Gen. Schmitz; Mitch Czerpak and Lynn-Ann Parsons as Mr. and Mrs. Who-Mayor; Tony Curd as the Grinch; and Jaime Parsons as Gertrude McFuzz.

Reservations are strongly suggested and, because of the length of the show, not suggested for small children. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors and may be reserved by calling the box office at (413) 789-2026. For more information on this and applications for Stage's upcoming Summer Theatre Camps, go to reddoortheatre.com.

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In the Classroom

Talent on display at AHS Visual and Choir Spring Arts Festival

AGAWAM – The 2014 Agawam High School Visual and Choir Spring Arts Festival was recently held at the high school. The National Art Honors Society had 30 juniors and seniors show their art as a culmination of a year of work. Works included printmaking, acrylic paints, watercolors, colored pencil, charcoal, mixed media and sculptural pieces. Students hung their work and acted as docents to talk about their work. Art Honor teachers are Amber Waters and Debora Florek. The Honors Chorus – Total Tenacity – sang “Come In From the Firefly Darkness,” “Te Quiero” and “Sit Down, You’re Rocking the Boat.” A memorable solo by Daniel Dobek brought all to a standing ovation. “Bridge Over Troubled Water” by Paul Simon and “Ashokan Farewell” were sung by Tonal Tenacity this evening as well. Sonja Funk is the director of the AHS Choirs with Steve Hayes on piano and Chris Trevethan as percussion. A special thanks is extended to Supt. William Sapelli and AHS administrators Mr. Lemanski, Mr. Schnepp, Mrs. Hofman and Mrs. Ferye for their ongoing support.



Agawam Junior High School Term 3 honor roll

Grade 7

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Grade 8

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Campus Notes...

Coastal Carolina University: Joshua Doherty and Alexander Jones, of Feeding Hills, graduated at ceremonies held May 10. Doherty and Elizabeth M. Caracciolo, of Feeding Hills, were named to the Spring 2014 dean's list.

Curry College: Kevin Fruwirth, of Agawam, received the Male Athlete of the Year Award at Curry College's 45th Annual Awards Recognition Ceremony. He was also honored for being named to the dean's list each semester that he attended Curry College.

Franklin & Marshall College: Mary Franco has been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2013 semester. The daughter of John and Margaret Franco, she is a graduate of Suffield Academy.

UMass Dartmouth: The following local students were awarded degrees during commencement exercises held May 16 & 17 – Jillian Van Ness (cum laude), of Agawam; Justin Chartier, Anthony Montano and Stephanie Scherpa (magna cum laude), of Feeding Hills.

Bryant University: The following local students were awarded degrees during the university's commencement on Saturday, May 17 – Marija C. Molta, of Agawam, bachelor of science in business administration in entrepreneurship; Nicolas P. Tangredi, of Feeding Hills, bachelor of science in business administration in marketing.

Keene State College: Liana Blais, of Agawam, and Matthew Doherty, of Feeding Hills, were named to the Spring 2014 dean's list.

Fitchburg State University: James E. Paleologopoulos, of Agawam, and Ashley E. Clinton and Elizabeth J. McMullan, of Feeding Hills, were awarded bachelor of science degrees in Communications Media during the school's 118th commencement ceremonies.

Hofstra University: Briana M. Maggi, of Agawam, graduated cum laude on May 18. She received bachelor of business administration degrees in both Legal Studies and Marketing.

AHS Counseling Bulletin

Senior Final Transcripts: The college you plan on attending in the fall requires a transcript from AHS proving that you have graduated. Provide Mrs. Ledger with a regular-sized stamped envelope that includes your name in the left-hand corner and is addressed to the college you will be attending ASAP. Once transcripts are finalized, they will be mailed.

SAT Summer Institute: Westfield State University will be offering an SAT Summer Institute beginning Monday, Aug. 4, through Thursday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Students will also have access to online review sessions throughout September, preparing them for fall 2014 SAT exams. The SAT Summer Institute covers all math and verbal skills needed for success on the SAT exam. Class sessions use real test questions to show just how these skills are tested on the SAT exam. The course will cover quantitative topics and verbal topics, as well as general test-taking matters. The cost of the SAT Summer Institute is \$499, and this includes all required books and materials, as well as online access to review sessions. Early registration discount of \$449 is available until June 13. For more information, contact Brandon Fredette at 413-572-8033, email bfredette@westfield.ma.edu or visit www.westfield.ma.edu/communityed. Space is limited.

Fairfield University Pre-College Workshop: Fairfield University is hosting this workshop July 8-9. This program is intended for current sophomores and juniors and will expose students to various aspects of the college experience and give them a greater understanding of how to select and later apply to colleges that are right for them. Applications are available in the Counseling Office. You must mail them to Fairfield University by June 13. An unofficial transcript must accompany the application. Make sure you give your counselor ample time to get it for you.

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Holyoke Medical Center welcomes director of care transitions

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Medical Center Medical Director Karen Ferroni, M.D., announced the appointment of Sandra Picard, of Agawam, to the position of HMC Director of Care Transitions. In this position, Picard will be managing the Case Management Department as well as being directly involved with projects and initiatives related to patient navigation and care coordination.

Previously an employee of Holyoke Medical Center as a critical care manager of ICU, CCU and PCU, and S1, Sandra comes back to the hospital after serving as the director of case management at



Noble Hospital in Westfield and the director of nursing informatics at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus, Georgia. While at St. Francis Hospital, she was instrumental in creating, implementing and teaching a medication bar coding system for the 350 bed trauma hospital.

In addition to her RN degree, Picard holds a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration from Elms College and an MBA with a minor in Technology Management from the University of Phoenix.

Planned repairs of 1-91 viaduct move forward

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continue to rise year-by-year unless something systemic is done. Matters are too far advanced to allow for mere patching, he said.

I-91 along the affected stretch consists of three lanes in each direction, northbound and southbound. The rehabilitative work, expected to begin late this year, (contingent on federal funding, which is expected to pay for 80 percent of the cost) will take place in two phases. Crews will work first on the inside lanes and later on the outside lanes, so that there will be two travel lanes in each direction open throughout.

There will, of course, be consequences for traffic. Two lanes each way will suffice for much of the day, but will create congestion and delays during peak commuting hours on weekdays. Aside from the lane closures, work will require ramp closures as well. There was much discussion at the meeting of how traffic will be re-routed when the ramps are closed.

O'Dowd and the other officials present drew a distinction between drivers with "local knowledge" and those without. Drivers without a lot of knowledge of the roads in downtown

Springfield – drivers on the way from New Haven, Conn., to a destination in Vermont, for example – will follow the detours that will be indicated by signs. There will be many such signs to guide them.

Those drivers are predictable, and the signs will lay out routes that will allow them to get where they want with minimal impact on neighborhoods. East and West Columbus avenues, Liberty Street and Dwight Street, will all be important in these redirects. Drivers with local knowledge, on the other hand, such as those going about their daily commute, are less predictable. They may make their own routes.

This point sparked further commentary during the question-and-answer session. One resident said that he lives near Forest Park, a neighborhood including Longhill Street and Sumner Avenue. This area is south of where the work will be taking place, but this resident thinks it will nonetheless be in harm's way due to the traffic he expects from people coming from Connecticut, who "know the streets of Springfield pretty well" and will choose the Forest Park area as a route to downtown.

O'Dowd seemed to concede the possibility. He nodded, and said, "We will have a team go out and take a look at it."

Westfield's downtown revival pitched abroad

By Melissa Fales
Turley Publications Reporter

WARE – The Ware Business and Civic Association (WBCA) welcomed Maureen Belliveau, executive director of Westfield's Business Improvement District (WBID), to Workshop 13 on May 21. Belliveau, a former Westfield business owner, has served as the WBID's executive director since 2012. Her presentation was the final program in a series of options for revitalizing downtown Ware, sponsored by the WBCA and the Ware Community Development Department.

The WBID is one of seven business improvement districts within the state of Massachusetts, along with Amherst, Boston, Hyannis, Northampton, Springfield and Taunton. "We're all similar, but not the same," said Belliveau. "The beautiful thing about a BID is that it can mold to the unique needs of your community."

Belliveau explained that in order to establish a BID, 51 percent of the business and property owners within the proposed district have to sign on in favor of its creation. The WBID was established in 2006 as a private, non-profit organization. "Since then, our main focus has been to address beautification and maintenance of the downtown," said Belliveau. "The streets were a mess with gum, graffiti, and trash and we cleaned them up. Keeping up with that and other beautification efforts take up the bulk of our budget." The WBID currently has an annual budget of approximately \$223,000, with roughly \$90,000 going towards maintenance last year.

The second largest portion of the WBID's budget goes towards marketing events. "For a long period of time, people tended to avoid downtown Westfield," said Belliveau. "We're working to get the word out that things are happening here again."

The WBID includes 190 properties with 157 property owners. Annual membership dues are one-half of one percent (.005) of their assessed property value. Belliveau told the crowd to consider the parameters of a BID carefully as once established it can't be expanded or reduced. "You'd need to dissolve and reform," she said.

Belliveau said the city of Westfield has been extremely supportive of the BID's efforts. Thanks to approximately \$60,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding each year, the WBID has been able to offer programs such as a "Restore

Westfield" façade improvement matching grant. Belliveau's program included a Power Point presentation of before and after shots of businesses within the WBID that have taken advantage of this opportunity.

Unfortunately, said Belliveau, the WBID is currently threatened by a petition to dissolve it. Up until 2012, Massachusetts allowed business and property owners located within a BID to opt-out of the program. Belliveau said the state changed the rules because businesses and property owners were benefitting by default whether or not they paid to join a BID. "Rising tides lift all boats," said Belliveau, adding that sidewalk sweeping, trash pick-up, and other improvement efforts affect the entire area.

However, some business and property owners are unhappy about losing the ability to opt-out, as well as other issues they have with the BID. They're following a provision within the BID allowing them to petition to City Council for dissolution. A public hearing is set for June 5. Belliveau warned the WBCA that the possibility for this type of petition exists within every BID. "You need to be aware that this can happen," she said.

WBCA member David Gravel asked Belliveau if there were specific statistics on how the BID has helped Westfield businesses. While Belliveau didn't have any figures on business growth, she said she's heard many positive comments from WBID members. "We do have supporters who say 'I don't know what would happen to me without the BID,'" she said.

Belliveau said one key to the WBID's success has been partnering with other community agencies. "The Westfield Business Improvement District may be about business, but it's also about collaboration, community, and what's best for Westfield," she said. "We work together with other groups who want the same thing. If you want to have a successful BID here in Ware, you'll need to build those partnerships, too."

The public is invited to the next meeting of the WBCA, June 25 at 6 p.m. at Workshop 13, to review all of the downtown revitalization options presented in the series. "We'll lay them side by side and look at the advantages and disadvantages," said William R. Braman, WBCA president. "Then it will be time for us to step forward and do the hard work."

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AHS seniors presented art awards



AGAWAM – Agawam High School seniors Melissa Rolland, Taylor Hartmann and Tori Schwartz are the top three art students in the Class of 2014. Rolland was awarded the top award, The James Franco Memorial Excellence in Visual Arts award. She will attend Holyoke Community College in the fall and is planning to transfer to a four-year art college. "Mel's" favorite media are acrylics and the unexpected effects of dripping paints. Hartmann was awarded the Excellence in Painting and Drawing award. She will also attend HCC in the fall and plans to continue her education at a four-year art college. Taylor has been painting many subjects such as people and still life, and participated in the Richard E. Neal Congressional Art Competition. Schwartz received the Excellence in Mixed Media award. She will also be attending HCC. Tori enjoys using Prisma Markers and searches to find interesting subjects in her art. She was also a participant in the Richard E. Neal competition. Art Honor teachers Mrs. Florek and Ms. Waters have noticed the remarkable talents of these three hard working seniors these last two years.

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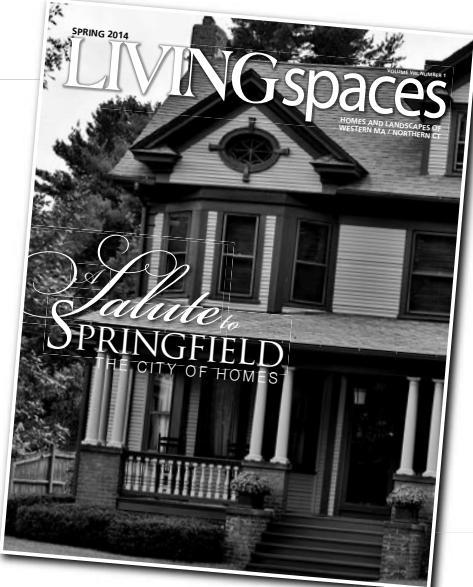
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First-ever Band-A-Thon fundraiser a noted success

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Traditionally, funding for the marching band, concert band, jazz band and wind ensemble is provided solely by the Band Parents, an organization comprised of current and former parents who work tirelessly to make ends meet for the high school's award-winning music program. Last year, the marching band alone drew \$9,000 out of the budget, all provided by the band parents, not the school budget. Some of their regular yearly fundraisers include a fall mum sale, candle sales, car washes and a recent pancake supper at Bobbie J's restaurant on Main Street that netted the band \$1,000.

The first annual Band-A-Thon featured four generations of Agawam High School band directors, including Darcy Davis, who directed the band from 1950-1995. Each director – Mr. Davis, Scott Thompson, Tamara Watson and current director William Heuglin – directed a number performed by current students accompanied by a number of alumni, including Todd Connery, class of 1985, who was instrumental in helping Jodi orchestrate the event.

Along with performances by the marching band and color guard under the direction of senior drum major Emily Renaud, a number of other groups entertained the crowd. The Heminways, a rock band led by Sam Einzig who graduated in 2011, played classic rock covers. Blue Skies Big Band, led by Todd Connery, also performed, followed by the alumni jazz band.

Albertson estimates that the event cost a meager \$2,000 to pull together, a cost that was made back quickly between admission costs (\$15 for adults, \$10 for students, \$50 for families), and vendor rentals. Over half of the vendors that participated are Agawam alums and each vendor donated an item to be raffled off. Local businesses such as Budget Cabinet, Peppo's Pizza and Sarat Ford also helped defray the cost of the event with generous donations.

Enrollment in the various ensembles has remained steady in recent years, with close to 100 members in the symphonic band, many of whom also perform in wind ensemble, jazz band and marching band. The wind

ensemble and symphonic band both brought home gold medals this year, the marching band a silver. Under the direction of Bill Heuglin, the program's future looks bright.

However, the Band Parents continue to battle budget cuts and a stereotypical lack of support for the arts. Yet, considering the size of the crowd at the Band-A-Thon, Albertson is well on her way to reminding the town of the importance of music education.

"These gatherings serve as a reunion for me," she says. "I have never gone to a class reunion because these people are my family. I grew up with them."

The Band-A-Thon will be an annual event, and Albertson hopes to draw a greater number of alums to perform next year. She plans to launch a stronger Facebook campaign, reaching out to the many generations of Marching Mohawks with music in their blood and pride in their eyes.

For more information and to support the Agawam High School Band Program, visit www.agawambandathon.tumblr.com or find them on Facebook.



Todd Connery, '85, plays with current band students.



The combined marching band and color guard.



Four generations of AHS band directors: Scott Thompson, Darcy Davis, William Heuglin and Tamara Watson.

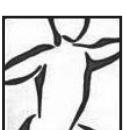


Senior Drum Major Emily Renaud dismisses the band.

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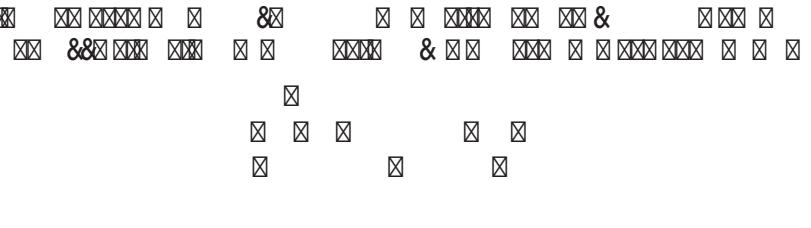


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Legendary AHS band director Darcy Davis conducts the combined band.



Combined color guard in motion.

Fallen soldiers honored on Memorial Day

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State Sen. Donald Humason, R-Westfield, encouraged everyone to thank a veteran any time they had the opportunity.

"It does not matter if you know them or not," said Humason. "Thank them for their service. We have so many around here who work at the Veterans Cemetery here in Agawam or at Westover."

Mayor Richard Cohen encouraged people to focus on remembrance rather than on having a day off for a picnic, going to the beach, or sales at stores.

"We gather to pay homage to those who gave their lives for us," said Cohen. "Freedom is not free. It is only possible because our fallen heroes paid the ultimate sacrifice."

Following speeches, the names of those on the Agawam War Memorial plaques were read by representatives from various branches of the Armed Forces. Wreathes were laid at each plaque, and the Agawam High School band also performed.



The American flag is raised to start the ceremony.



The Agawam High School marching band performs.



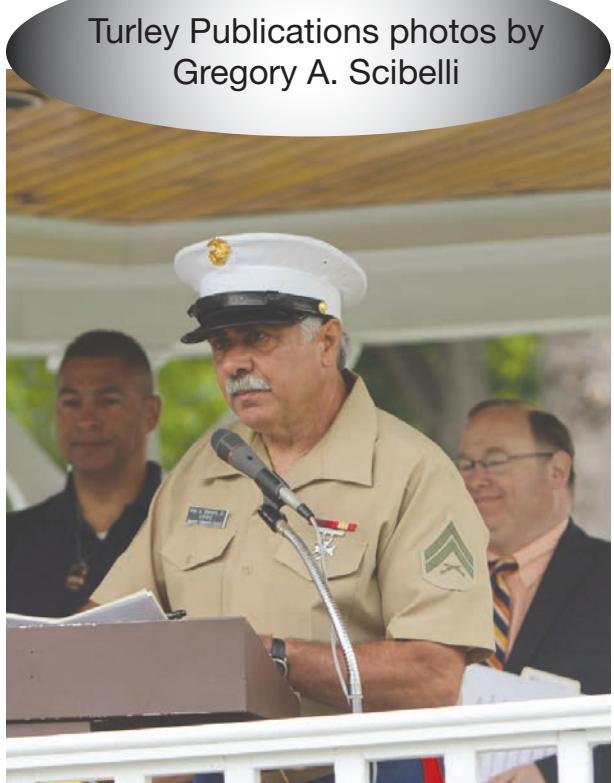
The colors make their way down the parade route.



From the left, Jake Agvent, 5, Alexis Wozniak, and Matthew Edward, 6 get ready to watch the parade.



War re-enactors fire their muskets.



Agawam Veterans Council Chairman Aldo Manconi leads the ceremony.



Veterans representing different branches of the Armed Forces march.

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Painting the town

The Senior Theater Group at the Agawam Senior Center hosted two showings of "A Hometown Gallery" on Friday, May 23. The play was written and directed by local award-winning professional and playwright Steve Henderson. This was Henderson's fifth production with the Senior Theater Group.

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Anne Rivers
is played by
Eileen Kane.



Statues and painting set the scene for the play.

Janice Reynolds portrays Mary Savard.

John Darrow plays the role of the painter.



Audience members chuckle in response to the dialog.

From the left, Gillian Randolph as Betty Mulhern and Kitty Berger as Louise Camfield.

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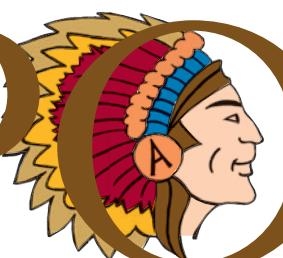
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Brownies move on to volleyball semifinals

By Gregory A. Scibelli
*Turley Publications
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AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys volleyball team is eyeing a repeat trip to the Western Massachusetts Volleyball Tournament finals so they can repeat their state championship season.

The No. 1 seeded Brownies got their tournament season started with a quick 3-0 shutout of visiting Sabis International Charter School. During the three-game set, Agawam never trailed in the game, and the Brownies used the game as a chance to tune up for their big semifinal and possible final matches against much more difficult opponents.

The Brownies started the match with a 5-0 lead thanks to a some powerful hits by their top players, Ben Cassidy, Zach Goggin, Bailey Cecchi, and Wade Robidoux.

Up 5-1, Cecchi continued the momentum by scoring a kill on an emphatic spike and followed that up with an ace. Sabis was able to get a few points in between. But Agawam kept the score out of reach.

Aidan Pender got Agawam back on track with a kill to put the Brownies up 15-9.

Agawam would then go on to keep their distance and won the first game 25-17.

Sabis would give Agawam a bit of trouble to start the second game, with some good play by their hard hitters Alon Chappell and Erik Taylor.

But Agawam started to pull away late in the game with a pair of kills by Cecchi and Cassidy. Near the end of the game, Cassidy took over on the serving line and provided a couple of aces and helped Agawam lengthen their lead to 10 points at 22-12.

Cecchi and Robidoux would close out the second game with spikes and Agawam won game two 25-14.

The Brownies would win by the same score in game three. Once again, Sabis was taken out of the game in the middle of the set. Cassidy was again clutch for the Brownies as he scored a couple of impressive aces.

Goggin and Robidoux also contributed on defense with a couple of good blocks to help the Brownies score points in the middle of the game. Goggin would finish the game with a surprise set that landed where no one could get it. Goggin's ability to change things up with surprise sets just over the net has helped Agawam add a new element to their game. The Brownies are also taking control of games with the almost straight downward spiking ability of Cecchi and Robidoux.

Agawam secured the No. 1 seed with a 16-2 record and looks to be headed for a rematch with Chicopee Comprehensive. The Colts are seeded No. 2 at 13-3 and defeated Ludlow in the quarterfinals Tuesday night.

Comp will host West Springfield tonight at 6:30 p.m. while the Brownies host the other semifinal tonight at 6:30 p.m. against No. 4 Westfield.

The finals are scheduled to take place on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at Holyoke Community College.



Zach Goggin sets up a spike for Agawam.



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Ben Cassidy makes a bump for the Brownies.

Westfield downs Agawam softball in regular season finale

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Agawam High School softball team finished the season 16-4 and are headed to the tournament to defend their title streak, which stands at two straight sectional championships.

But standing in their way will likely be Westfield, which beat Agawam 9-5 last Friday afternoon in the final game of the regular season for both teams. Westfield's win made them a perfect 20-0 for the regular season.

With the exception of a nine-run fourth inning, Agawam played Westfield very tough and would likely have defeated Westfield.

Agawam got things started with leadoff hitter Danielle Stratton reaching on an error and moving to second base. Rachel Laponese would sacrifice Stratton to third base, and Taylor Marcotte's grounder to short brought Stratton home with the first run of the game.

In the second inning, Mary Kate Reidy would sock a gapper to right-center field. She was at third when the cutoff player received the ball. Kathy Georgina played for the run and aggressively sent Reidy home. Reidy made a great slide and was safe as the catcher



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Danielle Stratton makes a drag bunt in the first inning.

dropped the ball on a close play at the plate. With the home run, Agawam led 2-0.

That quickly changed in the fourth inning when sophomore pitcher Ali Wheeler got in some rare trouble.

Wheeler retired the first hitter on a long fly ball ticketed for the gap in left-center when Laponese ran it down and made a great catch. But Wheeler walked the next two hitters and a third hitter reached base on a fielder's choice.

With the bases loaded, Annalise

Eak would send a ground single up the middle, scoring two runs to tie the score 2-2.

Wheeler would walk the next hitter to re-load the bases. Four more runs would come around to score on three base hits and a hit batter to make it 6-2 Westfield. Finally, a missed catch in the outfield allowed three runs to score and Westfield led 9-2.

Agawam did get three runs back in the sixth inning. Reidy and Lingenberg both had hits in the in-

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Girls lacrosse defeats Westfield in 21-16 slugfest

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AGAWAM – The Agawam High School girls lacrosse team is heading to the West/Central Massachusetts Division I Tournament following their final game of the regular season held last Tuesday afternoon at rival Westfield High School.

Agawam will be facing a much different looking field than in previous years before they have to contend with rivals Minnechaug and Longmeadow for the opportunity to fight for a title.

Agawam scored in each half and helped Agawam break away near

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Boys lacrosse closes season with seven straight wins

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Agawam High School boys lacrosse team is heading to the West/Central Massachusetts Division II Tournament with one of their best regular season records in the past several years.

Agawam finished the regular season with seven straight victories and 14-4 record. They were also a perfect 8-0 to win the Valley

League title. Cathedral finished second with a 5-3 record.

During their seven game winning streak, five of the seven wins came against their league opponents.

Now, the Brownies were scheduled to face Minnechaug Regional High School in the opening round of the tournament. Because of the change in tournament formats, Agawam is part of a much larger tournament field with 18 teams in play.

Western Mass. has been com-
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Baseball, softball tournament seeds announced

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

REGION – The Agawam High School softball team will have a bit of an uphill battle after being seeded third in the Western Massachusetts Division I softball tournament. Seeds for the baseball and softball tournament were released for all three divisions.

In Division I, Agawam softball received the No. 3 seed and will host the winner of Chicopee and Central in the quarterfinals on Monday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Also in Division I, Minnechaug will start the semifinal final round on May 29 hosting Amherst. Chicopee Comprehensive is in a preliminary round game at Pittsfield the same day.

In Division II, Belchertown is the No. 2 seed and will host Palmer at 4 p.m. on May 30. Southwick travels to Easthampton in another quarterfinal on May 29 at 4 p.m.

There is a huge field in the Division III Tournament with Monson drawing the No. 2 seed at 18-2.

They will host Putnam Vocational in a first round game on May 29 at 4 p.m. Pathfinder received the No. 5 seed and will play on May 30 hosting Smith Academy at 4 p.m. Ware is the No. 7 seed and hosts No. 10 Athol on May 29 at 4 p.m.

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The Division I baseball tournament features Minnechaug getting the No. 5 seed at 10-9. They are scheduled to face Cathedral in a quarterfinal game on a day and time still to be determined as of press time.

In a preliminary round game, Chicopee Comprehensive will host Ludlow at 4 p.m. on May 29. The winner faces top seeded West Springfield in the quarterfinals.

Chicopee will face Central on the road in the quarterfinals.

The Division III tournament features a 13-team field with Southwick seeded No. 3. Southwick is 16-2 and faces the winner of Hoosac Valley and Greenfield.

Palmer is the No. 4 seed and has a preliminary round game at home against Mohawk May 30 under the lights at 7 p.m.

South Hadley drew the No. 5 seed at 13-7 and will host Athol on May 29 at 3:30 p.m.

In Division 4, Granby is the No. 4 seed and will host Pathfinder at a day and time to be determined in a first round game.

Ware is 9-9 and hosts No. 9 Lenox. Holyoke Catholic received the No. 11 seed and faces No. 6 Commerce in the first round.

Tournament brackets are always updated at www.miaa.net

West Ham Academy to host soccer camp

CHICOPEE - The West Ham United North American Academy will be hosting an Elite Player ID Camp from June 6-8 in association with the Pioneer Valley Storm at 580 Meadow St.

The camp will be overseen by coaches from the world famous West Ham United Academy. It will consist of instruction and drills from the EPL that will engage, challenge and develop all participants.

Standout players will be awarded the opportunity to be invited to our National Residential Camp. Outstanding players on a national level will then be invited to London, England, for a full Academy Experience.

The camp is for ages 8-18.

The cost is \$125 per player.

For more information including camp times or to register, go to westhamacademyinternational.com.



TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Left: Dennis Beaver takes the baton from Tom Hendrickson in the 4 by 800 relay at the Western Massachusetts Division I Track Championship that was held Monday at Minnechaug Regional High School.

Below: Competitors from eight different teams start the 4 by 400 relay.



SPORTS CALENDAR

'EvvGirl' event to benefit Baystate Children's NICU

AGAWAM - The Second Annual EvvGirl Red Sox Bus Trip versus Tampa Bay is scheduled for Saturday, May 31.

The bus will leave Agawam High School at 3:30 p.m. for the 7:15 p.m. game.

Cost is \$100 per person, which includes the game ticket and bus ride.

Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase webcams for Baystate Children's NICU.

For tickets, contact Todd Bard at 413-883-2031.

Youth Fishing Day set for June 1

AGAWAM - The West Springfield Fish and Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills, will host the third annual Bob "Who" Rennell Memorial Agawam Youth Fishing Day, Sunday, June 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Open to all Agawam youth 16 and under as well as club members and their children, no fishing license is required for this event. Food and beverages will be available and there will be free raffles for the kids. Bait will be offered free of the charge at the clubhouse.

Parks & Rec hosting Red Sox trips

AGAWAM - The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is running two trips to Fenway this summer.

Registration has begun and will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

For more information on these trips please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 413-821-0513.

Boston Red Sox versus Chicago Cubs, Monday, June 30,

Pavilion Box - Section 13. Cost is \$143 per person

Boston Red Sox versus Houston Astros, Friday, Aug. 15, Section 26. Cost is \$104 per person.

The bus will leave from the Agawam High School three hours before game time.

Sacred Heart still looking for softball players

AGAWAM - Sacred Heart Athletic Association softball leagues are still accepting signups for the following age groups.

U-14 NEYSA team, U-12 NEYSA team, Coach pitch league grades third, second and first.

The cost for instructional coach pitch softball (first, second and third grades) is \$75 and NEYSA is \$100.

Contact George at 374-2283 for more information or to register.

Crestview Ladies League open to the public

AGAWAM - Crestview Country Club's ParTee Ladies Golf League is preparing for another season of golf and is open to all women golfers, from the competitive to the "just for fun" golfer.

There are a limited number of spots left.

Cost is \$70 to join, which includes weekly prizes, special events and a final banquet, also with prizes and year-end gifts.

For more information, contact Kay Soja by phone at 413-789-7901 or e-mail sojacatherine54@comcast.net.

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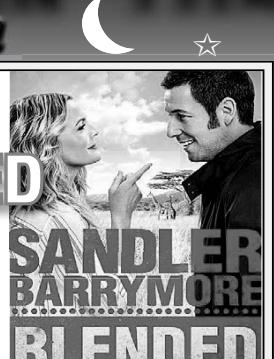
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Blue Sox add Ciaglo to coaching staff

SPRINGFIELD - The Valley Blue Sox have made an addition to their coaching staff, adding Fred Ciaglo as an Assistant Coach in addition to retaining Darryl Morhardt as Manager and Jim Woods as Assistant Coach, Team President Clark Eckhoff announced today.

"We're excited to hire a coach with Ciaglo's knowledge and his experience in the game of baseball," Eckhoff said. "He'll bring a great passion and enthusiasm to our coaching staff that will be a tremendous asset."

Ciaglo has been involved in baseball in the Valley since he was able to throw a ball, playing at Hopkins Academy and then at Springfield College, helping pitch the Pride to the 1986 Northeast-10 Championship when the school competed in Division II athletics.

He has been a staple of the Tri-County League for the last two decades, twice winning the league's Wes Carr Trophy for best pitcher and playing alongside Woods as well as Pittsburgh Pirates GM Neil Huntington.

He has taught and coached at Hopkins since graduating from Springfield, coaching boys and girls basketball as well as baseball over that time; in addition he spent a decade as Hadley Youth Baseball's Coaching Coordinator and on the Board of Directors for the Cal Ripken level.

"Obviously I think the thing that really stands out about Fred right off the bat is his ability to relate to people," General Manager Hunter Golden said. "While X's and O's are obviously a significant part of what is expected of our staff, managing the wide

range of personalities and individual players' needs is ultimately what helps to drive success at our level and we think Fred is more than equipped to be able to meet that challenge and then some."

He has been involved with the Blue Sox as a host family for the last few seasons and will continue to do so, but is excited to be taking on a larger role with the team.

"I am excited to join the Blue Sox coaching staff. I have known Coach Woods since our days in college. I think my enthusiasm and passion for the game of baseball will fit in well with both Darryl and Jim," Ciaglo said. "Having been a coach and an educator my entire life I look forward to working with some of the best collegiate baseball players in the nation. I hope to bring that balance of making the game fun yet also being competitive at a high level to help bring an NECBL championship to the Valley."

Ciaglo, who earned a Master's in Education from American International College in 2011, resides in Hadley with his wife and three sons.

The 2014 season will represent the Blue Sox seventh season in the Pioneer Valley, playing at Mackenzie Stadium in Holyoke. The Blue Sox have been a member of the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL; www.necbl.com) since 2008. The NECBL is funded in part by Major League Baseball and is comprised of 12 teams throughout all six New England states who recruit the elite athletes and premier pro prospects from around the world.

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Owls to hold football clinic

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University football program is hosting a clinic for players ages 13-18 on Aug. 6-8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Alumni Field.

The Westfield State coaching staff and current college players will provide instruction. The focus of the clinic will be on offensive and defensive fundamentals.

The cost is \$50 per day or \$120 for all three days. There is a \$10 daily discount for registering before May 23.

Contact Westfield State assistant football coach Vijay Saxena at vsaxena@westfield.ma.edu or 413-572-5420, for additional information or questions.

Basketball camp at Westfield State

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State University basketball camp for boys and girls ages 7 to 15 years old will be held July 7-11.

Contact women's basketball head coach Andrea Bertini at 413-572-8105 or abertini@westfield.ma.edu for questions and additional information.

Rugby players wanted

SPRINGFIELD - Athletes wanted to learn the sport of rugby for men's, women's and high school divisions.

Springfield Rugby Football Club, founded in 1969, has fielded a men's club to the sport of rugby. Springfield RFC is one of the country's oldest clubs with a strong reputation within the New England Rugby Football Union (NERFU). The club is registered with NERFU, MYRO and USA RUGBY.

In 2007, the club expanded membership to include women's and High School (u19) boys and girls programs; adding the Rusty Muskets in 2010. The interest continues to grow for rugby and the club. Springfield RFC web site is www.springfieldrugbyclub.com.

Baseball players wanted

A local baseball team is looking for 9, 10, and 11-year-olds looking to play in some of the best baseball in Western Massachusetts.

The team plays on weekends only. Can dual roster with local teams. Guaranteed national tournament. If interested, please call 1-413-887-8798.

Western Mass Pioneers game postponed by rain

LUDLOW - Lightning was the theme at Lusitano Stadium along with driving wind and rain that would not let up enough for the Pioneers to take the field against northeast divisional opponent the GPS Portland Phoenix Friday night.

League rules state that the referees are required to wait 30 minutes at the sight of the last lightning strike to start the game. The last strike did not end until well into the night and the team managers came to the conclusion that it was not feasible to play that evening.

"We feel awful that Portland traveled over 3 hours to compete and had to essentially turn around and drive home without playing. Safety of the fans, players and officials is the number one priority," commented Chairman of the Western Mass Pioneers Steve Scott.

The make-up game will be announced

at a later date. Everyone who paid to get into the postponed match will be able to use their ticket stub to get into another home game at no charge.

The Pioneers next home game is on Saturday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. versus the Vermont Voltage. There will also be a special benefit soccer match for L.J. Maravilha prior starting at 5:00pm involving Ludlow Youth Soccer vs. the Ludlow Fire and Police departments. Email Paul Gomes at pmgomes@hotmail.com for advance tickets or to make a donation.

Note: A reminder that Pioneers soccer camps and Premier Summer Academy dates are available. Enroll now to ensure your spot! For the full schedule and more details, please visit www.wmpioneers.com. Continue to visit the Pioneers website and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for updates.

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ning and Katie Grasso's hit to the outfield was misplayed allowing a couple of runs to score.

But Westfield pitcher Sarah McNerney retired the side in order in the seventh to limit further damage.

Agawam was very good against the powerful Westfield pitcher. McNerney allowed five runs on nine hits. The amount of hits should



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Pitcher Ali Wheeler fires in the second inning.

give Agawam some confidence heading into the tournament, where they may encounter the Bombers again.

With the exception of the fourth inning, Wheeler pitched very well. She allowed nine runs on only five hits. Only six of the nine runs were earned. She also struck out eight hitters and walked four.

Tournament seeds were scheduled to be released on Tuesday, with Agawam awaiting their place in the tournament.



Rachel Laponese makes a throw in from the outfield.

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the end of the game. Agawam led 8-7 at halftime, but managed to pull away near the end of the game. The Brownies put up 13 goals in the second half.

The 13 goals were their best total in one-half this season. Their 21 goals for the game were their highest goal total of the regular season.

Helping out Agawam, Julie Serra had one of her best games of the season. She scored five times. Kelly Theriault had a four-goal game and had three assists.

Christie Mirski added two goals and three assists, and Marissa Ewing had two goals and one assist.

In goal, Agawam got 15 saves from the combination of Gabby Lescarbeau and Kristina Tran.

With the victory, Agawam finished the regular season at 11-7.

The tournament was scheduled to begin on Wednesday afternoon. Agawam will be hosting the first of three preliminary round

games in the tournament. With Central Mass. teams being added to the tournament, there is now an 11-team field fighting for the championship.

Longmeadow and Minnechaug still received the top two seeds. Longmeadow was 16-1 this season while Minnechaug went 15-2.

Agawam was given the No. 8 seed and will host No. 9 Marlboro High School from Marlboro, Mass.

If Agawam is victorious, they would move on to face the No. 1 seed Longmeadow in the quarterfinals of the tournament. Agawam has not faced Longmeadow in a quarterfinal matchup in several years. They have matched up with Longmeadow many times in the semifinal round.

Also participating in the Division I tournament from Central Mass. are Shrewsbury, Algonquin, Westboro, and Tantasqua. Western teams qualifying include East Longmeadow, Northampton, and West Springfield.

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bined with some Central Mass. teams for the tournament. The Brownies received the No. 6 seed. Ahead of them are 19-1 Longmeadow as the top seed. St. John's is 17-1 at No. 2. Shrewsbury is third, followed by Westfield and Westboro.

Longmeadow will have to play a first round game for the first time in years, hosting Tantasqua, which beat Northampton in overtime on Sunday. Longmeadow defeated Agawam in the quarterfinals of last year's tournament.

If Agawam defeated Minnechaug on Tuesday, they would play the winner of the Shrewsbury/Shepherd Hill match. If Shrewsbury wins, Agawam would have to travel for the quarterfinal match at a date and time to be determined and announced at www.miaa.net.

Agawam finished out their regular season by defeating Northampton 5-4 last Tuesday afternoon.

Agawam scored three times in the third quarter and overcame a late rally by Northampton as well as a scoreless fourth quarter on offense to hold on for the win.

Tahir Blair had an excellent game in goal for Agawam as he made 15 saves. T.J. Lockwood had two goals for the Brownies and Bobby Koziol, John Colwell, and Elijah Bard had the other goals.

On May 15, the Brownies scored a league win over Cathedral High School 13-8.

Both offenses were very aggressive, but Agawam was able to put up bigger numbers in the first half to get staked to a lead at half-time.

Agawam had a lull in the third quarter but came back to score five times in the fourth quarter to put the game away.

Tyler Billick scored four times and had one assist for the Brownies. Colwell and Lockwood each had three goals and two assists for Agawam and Nick Hanchett added two goals. Blair made 12 saves in goal.

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Obituaries & Church News

DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

Michael P. Losito

1924 – 2014

Michael Peter Losito, 89, of Agawam, passed away Sunday, May 25, 2014, at Baystate Medical Center. Born in Springfield to the late Giacinto and Angela Teresa (Giannini) Losito, he was a lifelong resident of Agawam and one of 10 children. Michael served his country honorably in the U.S. Navy during WWII and was awarded the

Purple Heart Medal. He was aboard Ship 107 U.S.S. Goodhue and was in the Battle of Leyte Gulf and Okinawa. Throughout his career, he was a farmer at Porter Farms in Agawam, worked with Zielinski Brothers Construction in Agawam and owned his own contracting business, Michael P. Losito & Son. He loved his family and his country and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

His life was his work and he was always willing to lend a helping hand to others, and was a great supporter of Boy Scout Pack 179 in East Longmeadow. Michael's favorite saying that he would often share with his family was, "I love my wife, I love my family, and I've had a good life!" He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Claire (Berard) Losito of Agawam; his three children, Sandra (Losito) Bailey and her husband Leopold of Monson, Michael G. Losito and his girlfriend Marie Nadeau of West Springfield and Lisa (Losito) Clark and her husband James of East Longmeadow; a sister, Maryrose Cicotte; a brother, Pat Losito, 11 grandchildren, James, Jeremey, Joshua, Jonathan and Justin Bailey; Jessica (Bailey) Allen and Jenna-Ann (Bailey) Berry, all of Monson, Kelley, Brenna and Conery Clark, all of East Longmeadow and Gerard Clark of Florida; seven great-grandchildren and by many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his seven siblings, Mary Losito Mullen, Rose Losito



Montebello, Doris Losito Keeley and John, Joseph, Neno and Felix Losito. Family and friends are invited to meet for calling hours on Thursday, May 29, from 4-8 p.m. at the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam. Michael's funeral ceremony will be held Friday, May 30, starting at 11:15 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 12:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield St., in Feeding Hills. Committal services with Military Honors will follow at 2 p.m. in the chapel at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. Memorial donations may be made in Michael's memory to Lynn Katz – Oncology, c/o Baystate Medical Center – Springfield 3 Oncology, 759 Chestnut St., Springfield, MA 01199. www.forastierefuneralhome.com.

Leona (Remillard) Masi

Leona (Remillard) Masi of Main Street, Agawam, died Friday, May 23, 2014, in Heritage Hall North Nursing Home. Leona

was born in Belchertown and has lived in Agawam most of her life. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Parish and was an avid quilter. Her husband, Vincent J. Masi, died in 1995. She leaves a son, Vincent J. Masi and his wife Lori of Feeding Hills; four daughters, Karen L. Mehmed and her husband Sami of Suffield, Conn., Susan L. Goj and her husband Peter of Florida, Nancy M. Olson and her husband Mark of Feeding Hills and Laurel L. Williams and her husband Wayne of Bellingham. She also has eight grandchildren, Laurel Habgood and Anne Marie Goj, Kathryn and Erin Olson, Renee and Chris Hurteau, Marissa Masi and Shannon and Brandon Williams; and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home. Burial will be in St. Thomas Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 264 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104. For more details, please go to curranones.com.



Losito, Michael P.
Died May 25, 2014
Funeral May 30, 2014
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Died May 23, 2014
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The Trading Post Consignment Shop, located at the Agawam 1st Baptist Church on the corner of Main and Elm streets, will close for the summer Wednesday, June 18. The last Saturday opening is June 7.

The famous "bag sale" will take place for two weeks on June 11 and June 18. A large bag may be purchased for \$5 and can be stuffed with as many articles as it will hold. All other individual items are 50 percent off.

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Business

Area business women to be honored

The Women Business Owner's Alliance of the Pioneer Valley, Inc. (WBOA) will hold its annual

"Business Woman of the Year" event Thursday, June 19, at the Delaney House located at 3 Country Club Road in Holyoke. Cocktail hour is at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Selected by members of the WBOA, this year's Business Woman of the Year honoree is Carleen Eve Fischer Hoffman. Hoffman is the owner of the Clutter Dr., a home and office organizational company located in East Longmeadow.

Also being honored is WBOA's New Member of the Year, Gretchen Duhaime. She is the owner of Holistic Back Office, a company that helps holistic practitioners and entrepreneurs with modern technology and process.

In addition to the two WBOA honoree members, WBOA also salutes 10 local busi-

ness women outside of WBOA who have shown success in their businesses, have contributed to the community, or have shown themselves as successful role models for other women business owners.

This year's 10 top business women in the Pioneer Valley include Cathie Albrecht, Auntie Cathie's Kitchen; Natasha Clark, Lioness Magazine; Kelly Coffey, Strong Coffey Personal Training; Carla Cosenzi, TommyCar Auto Group; Nancy Creed, Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield; Dr. Chris Decker, Naturopathic Physician; Maura McCaffrey, CEO of Health New England; Valerie Morton, Quilts & Treasures; Leanne Sedlak, Skin Catering; and Marlies Stoddard, Nash Gallery.

This event is open to the public. Tickets for the dinner and the event are \$40 per person, and attendees can register online at www.wboa.org. Deadline for reservations is June 15.

Legal Notices

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Hampden Division

50 State Street

Springfield, MA 01103

(413)748-8600

Docket No. HD14P0908EA

Estate of:

Evelyn M Goodkowsky

Date of Death: 5/22/2012

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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Cheryl A Goodkowsky** of Dalton MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Cheryl A Goodkowsky of Dalton MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

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5/29/14

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V&F celebrates new facility

West of the River Chamber of Commerce member V&F Auto, Inc., will host a grand opening of its new CAR-QUEST Auto Parts facility during a ribbon cutting ceremony, which will take place Saturday, May 31, at 10 a.m. at the new location, 7 Harding St., Agawam. The new facility is located directly across the street from their previous location

This event is open to the public and members of the West of the River Chamber are encouraged to attend in support of a fellow chamber member. The event will include food, music and prizes.

For more information, call Nicole Palange at (413) 786-9914 or email nicole@vfauto.com.

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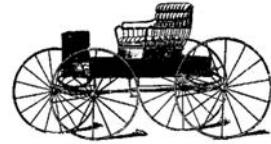
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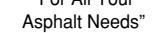


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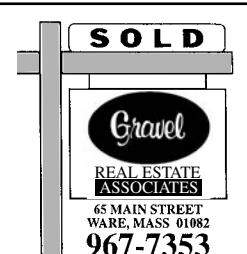
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THE SIXTH ANNUAL "LACE'EM UP FOR LEXI" 5K RUN/WALK will be held at the Agawam Junior High School in memory of Lexi Jagodowski to benefit Griffin's Friends Children's Cancer Fund. There will be a bounce house, music and post race refreshments. Applications and information are available at www.Lexi96.org and at the Agawam Public Library.

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Sunday, June 1

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THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB will host its third Annual Spring Festival, Saturday, June 7 at the Polish American Club, 130 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Special guest will be Gary Landgren on the "honky tonk piano" at 1 p.m. Events will include live music, food, crafts and vendors and children's activities.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND THE MEN'S SINGING SECTION of the Spring-

field Turnverein, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host "German Night," Saturday, June 7. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner and dancing. Reservations are required by June 4 and may be made by calling Wilma Gillan at (413) 786-4671.

A WORLD CUP CELEBRATION will be held Saturday, June 7 at McDonald's located at 2392 Main St., Springfield. Ronald McDonald will greet event attendees along with Univision's Vianey Arana, who will sign autographs and pose for photos with viewers. There will be World Cup giveaways (no purchase required).

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND, which is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m., will have the 2013 Boston Red Sox World Series Trophy on display Saturday, June 7 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.org.

EXPERIENCE MUSIC AT UNITED will present Larry Schipull, organist, and Linda Laderach, violinist, in concert Sunday, June 8 at 2 p.m. in Skinner Memorial Chapel at the United Congregational Church of Holyoke at the corner of Appleton and Maple streets. For more information, visit www.ucholyoke.org or call (413) 532-1483. Suggested donation, \$10; \$5 for students and seniors.

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL will meet Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, email r.kadis@comcast.net.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an

all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, June 11 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will host a strawberry supper Saturday, June 14 with seatings at 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Tickets, which are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door and \$5 for children under 12, are available in the church office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until noon, at coffee hour, or by calling the church office at (413) 786-7111.

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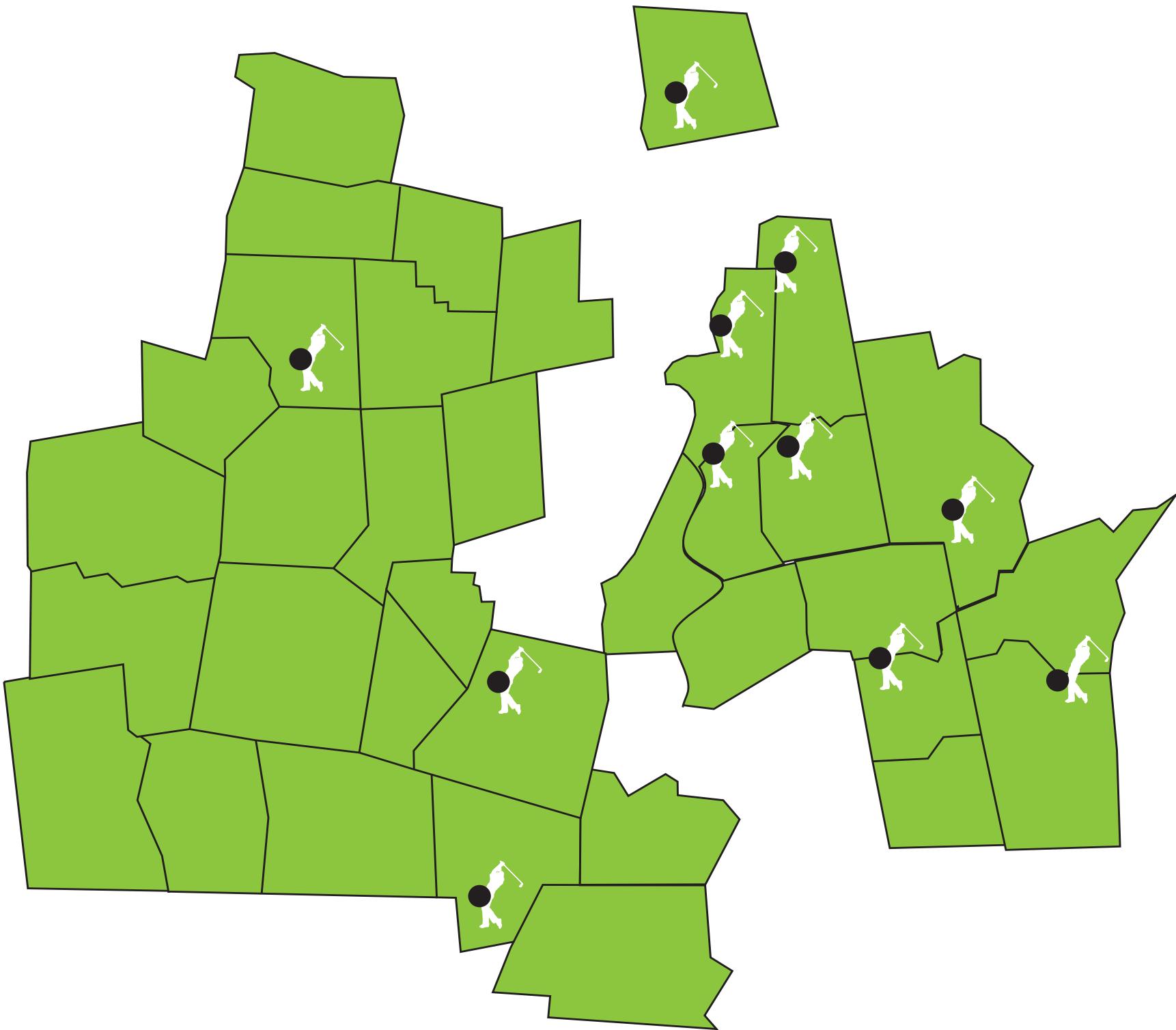
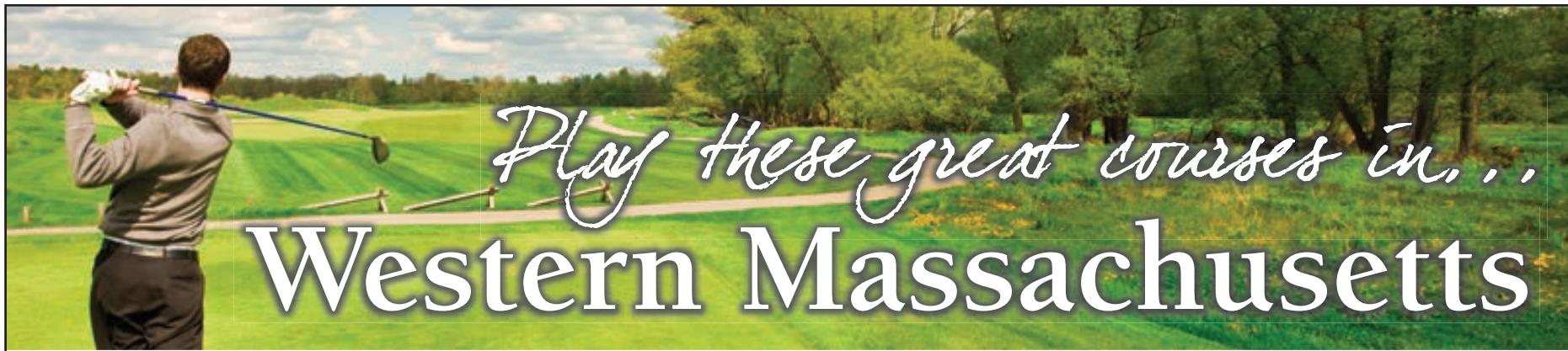
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